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UA 35/03 Fear for safety/"disappearance"/fear of torture or ill-treatment

IRAQ 'Adnan 'Abdul Karim Enad (m), aged 28

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'Adnan 'Abdul Karim Enad has "disappeared" after being detained by Iraqi security personnel in the capital, Baghdad. Amnesty International is seriously concerned for his safety, as he is at risk of torture or ill-treatment should he be in detention.

On 25 January 2003 'Adnan 'Abdul Karim Enad was seen on television screens around the world being taken away by Iraqi security personnel after he had forced his way into a United Nations (UN) weapons inspector's vehicle. He had reportedly attempted to hand over documents to UN weapons inspectors, but there is no information on what the documents contained. As he was led away, he shouted "Please save me". He has not been seen since.

'Adnan 'Abdul Karim Enad served about two years in prison in the southern city of Basra in 1994 or 1995 for refusing to complete his military service. He is said to have been unemployed before his arrest on 25 January and is not known to have any political affiliation.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In November 2002, UN weapons inspectors resumed work in Iraq after the Iraqi government had accepted UN Resolution 1441, on weapons of mass destruction and long range ballistic missiles.

The use of torture and ill-treatment in Iraq is systematic and has particularly targeted political or suspected political opponents. They are held incommunicado and at risk of being detained for months or years without access to lawyers or relatives. Amnesty International remains particularly concerned about the large number of people who have "disappeared" in Iraq. To date, the fate and whereabouts of tens of thousands of people remain unknown.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send appeals to arrive as quickly as possible, in English, Arabic or your own language:**

- expressing concern for the safety of 'Adnan 'Abdul Karim Enad, who has not been seen since 25 January;
- calling on the authorities to clarify if he has been detained, and if so to make public his whereabouts immediately;
- calling on the authorities to provide guarantees for his safety if he is in detention, including assurances that he is not subjected to torture or other human rights violations;
- if he is in detention, urging the authorities to release him immediately and unconditionally unless he is to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence;
- urging that 'Adnan 'Abdul Karim Enad be given access to lawyers, relatives and medical care as necessary.

#### **APPEALS TO:**

Mahmoud Dhiyab al-Ahmad  
Minister of Interior  
Ministry of Interior  
Baghdad, Iraq

**Telegrams: Interior Minister al-Ahmad, Baghdad, Iraq**  
**Salutation: Your Excellency**

Mundhir Ibrahim al-Shawi  
Minister of Justice  
Ministry of Justice  
Baghdad, Iraq

**Telegrams: Justice Minister al-Shawi, Baghdad, Iraq**  
**Salutation: Your Excellency**

Naji Sabri  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Baghdad, Iraq

**Telegrams: Foreign Affairs Minister Sabri, Baghdad, Iraq**  
**Salutation: Your Excellency**

**COPIES TO:** diplomatic representatives of Iraq accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 20 March 2003.